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Special ASES Graduation Section Inside

County updated on cell gap project progress

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Construction has started on six of approximately 265 new tower sites, with 20 new tower builds expected to occur this year across the eastern region of the province as part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project.

Jim Pine, Indigenous lead, and Heather Wrightly, communications and stakeholder relations officer with EORN, updated county council on June 22 on the massive project, valued at more than \$300 million, which has been in the planning and fundraising stages since around 2014.

The public-private partnership project will include upgrading existing towers and the construction of 300 new cell towers throughout eastern Ontario and aims to ensure 99 per cent of the area has cellular calling service; that 95 per cent of the area has sufficient coverage to run video and applications; and that 85 per

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Hurray, hurray, for graduation day

Almost 40 Grade 8 Archie Stouffer Elementary School students graduated during an in-person ceremony at the school on Friday, June 24. The ceremony was the first time that ASES could welcome friends and family of students to join the ceremony in the gym since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This photo has been digitally altered for publication.

MIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Health unit board supports vulnerable person alert

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

A few days after a community-wide search for a Lindsay boy ended in tragedy, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit board unanimously agreed to ask public health agencies throughout the province to support changes or enhancements being made to missing person alert systems.

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City of Kawartha Lakes Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson brought the discussion to the table on June 16, asking the board to respond to a community ask for an emergency system that could be utilized to instantly alert the public of missing vulnerable people, including kids with disabilities and seniors

with dementia.

During the 24-hour search for 11-year-old Draven Graham, who had autism and had gone missing from his home, a public outcry requested that an Amber Alert be issued to communicate search efforts with the greater community rather than social media and media alerts, but Amber Alerts are strictly used

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Petitions garner thousands of signatures

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for children who have been abducted.

Several petitions for upgraded response systems launched while the search efforts for Draven were still ongoing, with one of those surveys, at press time, having more than 80,000 signatures. According to media reports, Inspector Tom Hickey with the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service told the police services board on June 16 that based on the police investigation, an alert system wouldn't have resulted in a different outcome in the case of the search for Draven, whose body was found in the Scugog River on June 13, but said the movement for an alert system for people with disabilities could be a benefit in the future.

Richardson asked if the health unit board could, as an example, send a letter to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

"Maybe it's time that we looked at changing how we bring out messaging when we're in an emergency situation, as of what just happened in this past weekend," Richardson told the health unit board, noting her municipal staff is looking into what vulnerable person registry programs and registries exist and what could be added. "But I was thinking, as a board, is there something we can do? I think, even from where we're sitting up in Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton, everywhere here, we have large bodies of water here, we have lots of water, and those issues alone create emergency situations. At this time, I'm feeling it, I've spoken to many individuals, I was out there on Monday, I just think ... is there more we can do?"

John Henderson, vice-chair on the health board and mayor of Cobourg, said that morning he had received a number of emails from residents regarding the inclusion of a vulnerable person alert system similar to the Amber Alert system, which

is in use throughout the country and broadcasts alerts on radio and television stations as well as to mobile devices. He said he immediately asked for an item to be put on the police services board meeting agenda in his jurisdiction for discussion. He said in his experience as a principal in Durham he had learned much about autism while working with students, and was heartbroken to hear about Draven's death in Lindsay.

"Personally I'm very supportive because anything we can to protect wellbeing and safety I think is paramount, but just to let you know, those are the things I'm attempting to do with team performance, that's what we're trying to do already because I'm not currently aware of an Amber Alert for specialized groups," he said.

Health unit board chair Doug Emslie said an enhanced alert system was discussed at an accessibility committee meeting in the City of Kawartha Lakes the day before, and a motion could be brought to council there to send a letter to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, looking for support from members that might send letters asking the province to consider a review of the current alert system. Along those lines, he asked if the health unit board might send a letter to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

"If we get something from AMO, and something from al-Pha, perhaps the province will look at if they need to expand the Amber kind of alert, or whether they come up with another alert that would encompass some of these individuals [in at-risk populations]," he said.

The board unanimously passed the motion to write a letter.

"It's a tragic situation and I think we all in the community want to do what we can to support those most vulnerable," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR health unit's medical officer of health.

Two people injured after serious collision



One person was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries and one person had minor injuries after a serious collision involving a passenger vehicle and a motorcycle at Highway 35 and Rotary Park Road in Minden on June 24.

Haliburton Highlands OPP, together with Minden Hills fire department and Haliburton County EMS responded to the scene. The road was partially closed and traffic direction was conducted.

Police said the investigation is ongoing.

Correction:

A photo published in the June 22 edition of the *Minden Times* identified an actor playing the role of the prince in the HHSS Beauty and the Beast production as Jordan Kovaks. The actor was Jacob Beers.

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COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022								
County	Municipality	Active cases (current)	Total 2022 cases	Rate	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	0	24	948.24	24	0	1	0
	Dysart et al	2	181	2653.96	121	60	7	3
	Highlands East	0	46	1307.93	41	5	1	1
	Minden Hills	1	100	1511.26	82	18	2	1
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	17	2790	3428.87	1,827	963	70	26
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	0	224	2847.70	200	24	6	2
Northumberland	Brighton	4	333	2631.37	293	40	15	3
Northumberland	Cobourg	2	659	3232.61	401	258	14	3
Northumberland	Cramahe	0	168	2601.83	151	17	7	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	2	233	1902.20	208	25	5	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	3	380	2183.28	273	107	5	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	2	543	4065.28	288	255	17	5
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	33	5681	2970.80	3,909	1,772	150	48

Haliburton LTC outbreak declared over

Three new cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County were reported in the health unit's now weekly reporting of COVID-19 cases on June 22. City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County reported 14 cases each. An outbreak at Extendicare in Haliburton declared June 1 that resulted in 28 cases was declared over on June 24. The health unit reminds the public that testing remains limited so case numbers do not show most accurate spread in the community. /Screenshot from hkpr.on.ca.

Cell gap project work scheduled to be complete for 2025

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cent has the capability to stream high-definition video. Municipal governments throughout the region are contributing \$10 million (the County of Haliburton has contributed \$441,785), and while initially it was expected a private sector partner would contribute \$61 million for a total project value of \$213 million, it was announced last year that Rogers will contribute a minimum of \$150 million, pushing its total value past \$300 million.

The entire project is expected to be completed by 2025, with heightened connectivity achieved in some areas in the interim.

Pine began his update by noting the area is “Laurie Scott country,” and thanked her on behalf of EORN for “the incredible support,” of the cell project and other work undertaken over the past decade.

“It’s a big effort, the cell project itself is about improving cellular or mobile connectivity across eastern Ontario including here in the county,” he said. “We’ve partnered with Rogers Communications to be our technology partner for the project and it’s going to result in some 300 existing Rogers towers sites being upgraded to 5G capable equipment, so for better service, better speeds and better capacities. That existing footprint is in the process of being upgraded right now.”

Pine said it’s necessary to build around 265 or so new tower sites across eastern Ontario, including some in Haliburton County, “to close the gaps where we have coverage problems because we do have significant coverage problems across the region.”

“And that’s really the purpose of the project, is to make sure that there’s the ability to make that ubiquitous 911 call if you need to, no matter where you are in the region, wherever you travel on major roads or other roads, and also to improve the capacity in the systems, so that we can do more than just make a phone call,” he said. “So it’s about fixing, upgrading existing sites, and building new sites, is really the

guts of it.”

According to the update, approximately 300 existing sites will be upgraded to support LTE phones as well as 5G, with approximately 265 new sites built over the next four years – 75 of those sites co-locations, in which third-party companies, such as Bell, put the Rogers gear on existing towers to reduce the amount of building that needs to be done.

Pine said around 180 of 300 or so existing tower sites have been upgraded, with that work on track to finish in 2023.

Service level agreements are in place for five years post-construction, Pine said, to ensure capacity is maintained.

“It’s important not to just build it and walk away, we want to build it and make sure it continues to provide the service that we’ve contracted for,” he said. “That’s really what EORN does, besides bringing the partners together to fund the project, it’s about making sure it does what we hope it would do when we build it.”

Pine said closing the coverage gaps will allow for better coverage, including for those who use cellular networks for business or online education, and will also allow for better municipal services, noting paramedics can use video link from rural areas to larger city centre hospitals without getting cut off.

“We know of course the towers that we’re going to be building and the existing towers being upgraded can also serve as the backbone infrastructures for fixed wireless high-speed broadband services so it’s critical to put the infrastructure in place in order to deliver service, and frankly you can’t fix the problem – we don’t know any technologies today that are out there that can fix a problem without putting up towers,” he said.

In addition to working with the provincial and federal government and technology partners, Pine said a formal duty to consult process with Indigenous communities and organizations across the region began in January, 2021.

Construction begins after the duty to consult process has been worked through, including archaeological assessments on tower sites.

“It’s really important for us to do this right, to take the time that’s necessary to work with the communities, and so that we have their comfort in this and it’s going to continue throughout the whole project,” said Pine. “It’s not a ‘one and done’ effort, we have to work with the communities right through to the end of the project and we’re certainly committed to doing that.”

Pine said it takes up to two-and-a-half years to begin construction on a site, after acquiring and assessing properties, duty to consult, and the land use authority process which includes public meetings.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts asked about a project planned for Glamorgan Road.

“On the one hand, people want to make – need, not just want, anymore – to make a phone call, we know that,” she said. “But there is a lot of controversy over 5G, over cell towers, there are signs posted on that road, they don’t want them, it’s on our Dysart agenda next Tuesday – how do we as counsellors, how do we dissuade or address some of those concerns? We’re not Health Canada, I don’t know any information about safety, so how do we deal with that?”

Pine said he could offer info on 5G from Rogers, Health Canada and the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association.

“Health Canada says 5G conforms to Safety Code 6 which is their requirement for ensuring the health of the public around telecommunications matters, so 5G has been tested and it meets all of the criteria set out by the government for that,” he said. “So, yeah, there’s lots of controversy but I think the science side of it from what I understand is pretty clear that it’s safe, to use and to deploy. But we can get you the information that we have.”

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he sat in on a public meeting held the week before, regarding a Minnicock Lake

project, and said he was dismayed with how it was run. The introduction of the hour-long meeting was 35 minutes long, he said, not giving much time for those in attendance to speak – with one person being cut-off mid-sentence when the allotted meeting time was over.

“That of course fostered even more – I mean, people were simmering and after that they were boiling.”

While people have concerns, he said, about property tax impacts or Health Canada standards and lighting, those concerns weren’t addressed in the Rogers-led meeting, as you would take those concerns to Health Canada or elsewhere.

“That would have been nice to have that maybe spelled out a little better to the people who have the concerns,” he said.

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he heard similar concerns from residents in Highlands East about the same meeting, that they felt it was “predominantly lip service,” and presented as fact rather than being consultation.

Pine said he would take those concerns back to Rogers.

“If people have questions we try to give them the answers we can, so if it takes extra time, it should take extra time, in my opinion,” he said.

Addressing questions of potential ongoing gaps and how the public might get involved, Pine said residents have been offering land to Rogers in order to host a tower on their property. Roberts said some private land owners in the Haliburton and Percy Lake area are currently going through the stages to see if their sites are suitable.

“I still find people that, they want it, and they’re reluctant to have it in their back yard,” she said.

Those interested in having a tower on their property can visit the EORN website at <https://www.eorn.ca/>.

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July 28 – Regular Council Meeting

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Meeting, film screening, fosters thinking about new LTC model

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

It's not over yet – the battle to improve long-term care in Ontario, that is.

About 20 community members came out to the Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre in Wilberforce on Wednesday, June 22 to discuss how to fix the troubled, but essential, Ontario industry.

The event, led by a group called Re:Think, featured the showing of a film titled *It's Not Over Yet*. It documented a Denmark nursing home's unique approach to care for residents with dementia, through what it called "compassionate treatment." The residents there were treated through hugs, touch, humour and eye contact.

The model stood in stark contrast to some of Ontario's most notorious homes, which according to a 2020 military report, subjected residents to understaffing, neglect and avoidable COVID-19 deaths.

The Wilberforce meeting, which preceded similar meetings at the Minden Lions Club last Thursday and the Haliburton United Church last Friday, was meant to foster discussions on how Ontario can improve its system. The meetings were called Aging Together As A Community.

The fact that Ontario recently overwhelmingly re-elected Premier Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives to a



David Barnes of Barnes Management Group speaks to a participant at the Aging Together As A Community meeting in Wilberforce. Similar meetings were held in Minden and Haliburton./Photo by Stephen Petrick

majority government doesn't change the fact that advocacy is needed, said David Buwalda, an organizer with Re:Think.

He said Ontarians need to speak up and lobby for a stronger health care system, no matter who's in power.

"You still need everyone to care," said Buwalda, over the sound of meeting participants conversing. "We want to ask, in these conversations, 'how do we care together? What is our role in this, no matter what the system is?'"

Buwalda is working with David Barnes of Barnes Management Group to hold the sessions. Both men spend time in Haliburton County, where there's a spirited grassroots effort to improve long-term care.

The Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition was formed there in 2020, after the tragedy in Bobcaygeon in which 28 residents, plus a spouse of a resident, at Pinecrest Nursing Home died of COVID-19 during the pandemic's first wave.

Ahead of the provincial election, a splinter group called the Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition formed. The group lobbied against the idea of privately-run long-term care homes (there are already several in the province) and argued for higher standards of care in homes, particularly to address understaffing issues and resident neglect.

However, Buwalda said that Re:Think isn't a partisan group and it doesn't come with a set agenda, or list of bullet points that it's demanding provincial politicians address.

The point of the discussions is more about getting people within communities to share ideas on how long-term care can be improved, and, eventually, have those ideas trickle to Queen's Park.

When asked if the meetings are about lobbying for higher standards of care, he added, "we put this together to say everything's on the table. Our question is about what is essential to care, not how it is managed or financed but what is really important. What are the things that make care compassionate or people centred?"

He added that when people think about long-term care, it's important for them to not just think of statistics or number of beds, but how people should be cared for.

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Alleway and Gervais lead the way at ASES

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

School's out for summer, and when Archie Stouffer Elementary School students return, they'll see familiar faces in new positions.

Current vice-principal Mike Gervais has been appointed ASES principal and current Trillium Lakelands District School Board curriculum consultant Lauren Alleway has been appointed ASES vice-principal while current ASES principal Dawn Sudsbury has been promoted to district principal of curriculum in the 2022 to 2023 year.

Alleway laughs that she has "worn every single hat out there."

She fell in love with learning herself in Grade 2 because of her teacher, and said that when she did become a teacher herself, she quickly learned of the new opportunities that education can bring.

In 2005, Alleway began teaching for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, working at Cardiff Elementary School as a resource teacher. Since then, she's had roles as a reading intervention teacher, prep teacher for music and science, from kindergarten all the way to Grade 8 and besides teaching at Cardiff, has also taught at ASES, and both elementary schools in Haliburton, Stuart Baker Elementary School and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, wearing multiple hats at multiple schools - an experience she said was amazing.

"Not everybody gets that opportunity and I think that opportunity has really helped me develop a really deep understanding of the



Lauren Alleway will become Archie Stouffer Elementary School's vice-principal with Mike Gervais moving to the position of principal. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

diversity of the communities in Haliburton Highlands," she said. "I'm really grateful that I've been able to meet so many students from so many different areas, and work in so many different positions from classroom teacher to resource teacher."

Alleway has also been a teaching learning coach and this year, a curriculum consultant for the school board. She notes that while change can be difficult, it has always led to new learning.

"With every change in my career I've always seen it as an opportunity to learn a new role and develop a greater perspective for the education system," she said. "This opportunity as a vice-principal is actually going to allow me to have a greater impact on students, but also educators in supporting them with their own learning, and then supporting our communities as well. As much as I loved be-

ing a classroom teacher, I just really look at this as that new opportunity to have a greater impact, but also another learning opportunity for myself."

Outside of school, Alleway is typically outside with her family camping and hiking, and also enjoys gardening and reading.

Alleway said it's great that she and Gervais are meeting together in their careers, after starting out together in Cardiff.

"We've always supported each other throughout the changes in our careers," she said. "Like myself, he has worn many different hats. It's really great just to be able to work with somebody who is so supportive, and we really look forward to working together as a team here."

Mike Gervais has been working for TLDSB - and living in Haliburton County - for the past 18 years.

Like Alleway, Gervais began his career at Cardiff Elementary School, where he taught Grades 6, 7 and 8. To be closer to home, he then transferred to JDHES in Haliburton, where he was a classroom teacher, Practical Academic and Life Skills teacher, and the school's vice-principal. For the past three years, he's been vice-principal at ASES.

"Having the opportunity to work as a vice-principal at Archie for the last three years has given me the opportunity to get to know our students, our families and connect with our community partners," Gervais told the *Times*. "My experience working in special education and on the curriculum team have provided me with a solid foundation to support learning for staff and students in the building. I am passionate about education and enjoy connecting with our students and fostering positive supportive relationships to ensure their growth and success."

Throughout the summer, Gervais will be spending time with his family - including his children Annika and Linus - and his wife, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Karen Gervais. The family is active, and enjoys camping, mountain biking, trail running, tennis and anything outdoors.

Come September, he'll be welcoming students back to Minden's school.

"I am excited to continue our learning journey in math and reading," he said. "Our educators had a tremendous impact this year and significantly closed learning gaps that resulted from COVID closures. We believe that Archie Stouffer School is a cornerstone of the community and look forward to welcoming families back to a variety of functions in the school."

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Until we meet again

WHEN I first returned to the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times* as a reporter in 2017, it had been 21 years since I had been a co-op student at the *Echo* and a student reporter at the *Times* as a high school student. A lifetime had passed in the years since my byline first appeared in these papers – I'd pursued post-secondary education, gotten married, travelled and lived overseas, had children, and returned home.

I was asked to join the *Echo/Times* team to help cover a colleague's maternity leave for a child who is this year graduating junior kindergarten. My, how time flies.

In that time, the experiences I've had as a reporter, and now an editor have been, well, something to write home about, of course. I've covered births, deaths, and everything in between. It is, as I've said many times, an honour and a privilege to have this role, being able to listen and learn and share what matters to others, here.

Next week's *Times* and *Echo* will be my last. It wasn't an easy decision to decide to try something new – there are still so many of your stories to tell – but the time was right for a change. I hope to continue to do something meaningful to contribute in this community in the future.

When I took on the role of editor of the *Minden Times* last fall, I wrote of the archives of the *Times* and *Echo*, how all of those individual stories and snapshots capture moments in time in one place and become very powerful as a reflection of ourselves – where we came from and where we're going. While my name has been on thousands

of stories in our local papers over the years, it has always been you – the people of this community – that made those stories happen, through your work and passion and sometimes just in living your life the way you've lived your life. These are the stories that matter, and the stories to tell.

This paper is so special to me, especially because of the team that puts it together. Not just our diligent and caring *Times/Echo* staff, but the whole team from contributors, from columnists, to cartoonist who work on a weekly basis to share. We are more fortunate than most of us know in this small community to

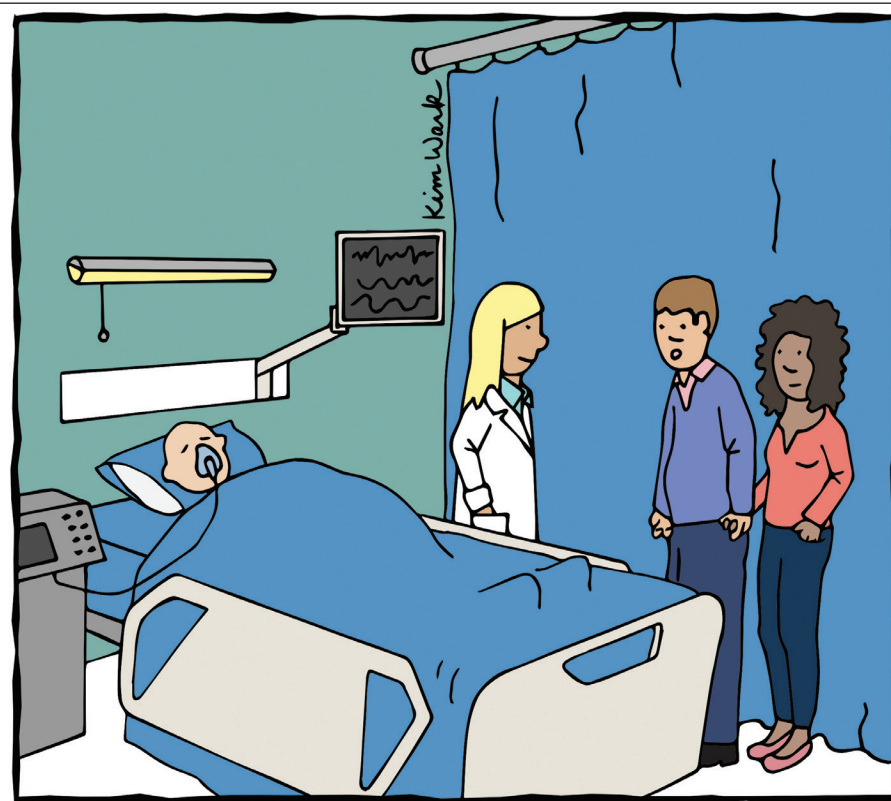
still have a longstanding newspaper to call our very own in this time of change, when local journalism in rural towns is more critical than ever.

Thank you, always dear readers for your support of our work, and for your appreciation of your community papers.

**SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Every time you sent a press release, typed a note of encouragement, wrote a letter to the editor, offered patience, brought by a sweet token of kindness, shared an article with a friend, and thought to share a photo of the creature you'd spotted on your front lawn has mattered so much, to those who work on these pages, and to those readers who always make a point of taking it all in.

Thank you for sharing, thank you for reading, and thank you always for your spirit in making this community something to write about. While I carry the stories you've taken the time to share with me, I look forward to reading what comes next.



"He wants to be kept alive
until the Leafs win the Cup."

Up the creek

OF ALL THE outdoorsy sayings we use in our everyday conversation, perhaps none is more inaccurate than "up the creek without a paddle." I can personally attest to this.

I'm not sure where this misconception came from, but I happen to be one of the world's leading authorities on getting into a canoe or raft and then, two to three seconds later, realizing that my paddles are still on shore. And not once have I ever been upstream of them when this occurred to me.

Therefore, if we want to be completely accurate, we should probably use the phrase, "Down the creek without a paddle."

Not to get too technical, but there are different levels of down the creek.

For instance, your "Standard Down the Creek" consists of merely being moved along by current so slow that you can almost keep the canoe stationary by paddling furiously upstream with your hands – until you tire and finally end up at whatever lake the creek or river feeds into. Hopefully, once there, you will wash up on some forlorn shore and be found by rescuers within a day or two.

Rest assured, it's not always that pleasant. More often than not, you will find yourself in what experts like myself refer to as a "Class II Down the Creek." The general requirements of this are a flow fast enough to deter ducks from loitering, several small waterfalls (defined as having a vertical drop of 10 feet or less) preceded by several rocks with what appear to be lengthy human claw marks on them.

So far, what I have described is what we experienced paddleless canoers refer to as "mere child's play."

Things get really interesting with a "Class III Down the Creek." This is similar to a Class II Down the Creek, except for the fact that the current is so deafening that those you left on shore can not hear you screaming, "Throw me a #@! rope!" Also, the claw marks in the rocks are sometimes as much as a half-inch deep. The good news is that the waterfall at the end will drop you down to calmer waters where you can often be rescued by the crew members of vessels such as "Maid of the Mist."

Now, a "Class IV Down the Creek" is something that should only be attempted by experienced paddleless enthusiasts. For it entails, roaring water, eventual laryngitis, playing pinball off of several rocks, a demonstrable need for a change of shorts, blood-curdling descents down several high waterfalls backwards, the spontaneous creation of new curse words, running the gauntlet between

an irate cow and calf moose on the one slow stretch, and finally getting beached on some yet uncharted desert island – only to find that you had the paddles in the canoe all along.

Finally, there is the "Class V Down the Creek," which is similar to the Class IV except that the proponent forgot the canoe too. And take it from me, that's embarrassing.

The point is, there is no "Up the Creek without a paddle" unless it is being uttered by the person down the creek from you who is wondering why you are changing shorts instead of paddling your canoe through the white water.

But you know, even then, you will eventually be down the creek without a paddle.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

To ink or not to ink

JULY 17 IS National Tattoo Day and I've been thinking about getting one. Some years back I wanted to get a screaming eagle tattoo on my chest, but was advised not to by a friend.

"It might look cool now, but what about when you are older," she said. "If you get a screaming eagle tattooed on your chest now, then when you get old and flabby it will droop and fall from its perch and land on your belly button." I took her advice and passed on getting inked.

Now that I've become old and flabby, I'm reconsidering. I mean any tattoo I get today will do little drooping and falling. That's already happened.

So, I decided that National Tattoo Day would be a great time to show off a freshly-inked screaming eagle on my sunken chest. Display it proudly when I go to the dock for a morning swim.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I've been researching tattoos and where to get one. And wow, I have discovered there are more tattoo statistics than there are mosquitoes in July.

Think professional baseball statistics are overwhelming? Tattoo statistics are far more mind-numbing.

Support Tattoos And Piercings At Work (STPAW), an advocacy group, reports that as of 2018 nearly 40 per cent of Canadians and 42 per cent of Americans had tattoos. Almost one-half of the Italian population (48 per cent) is tattooed.

Other surveys show that 17 per cent of people who get tattoos regret them. The regrettable ones usually are those with the name of a boyfriend or girlfriend who dumped them.

The website Tattoo Pro says that it costs 10 times more to remove a tattoo than to put one on.

Another reports that people get a tattoo because it makes them sexy (31 per cent), or shows them as rebellious (29 per cent), or shows them to be intelligent (five per cent).

For whatever reasons, tattooing has surged in recent years. One statistic says that Americans alone spend \$1.6 billion a year on tattoos.

That seems like an exaggeration, but it is believable because there are more than 20,000 tattoo parlours in the U.S.

The tattooing trend is not something new. Humans around the world have been using tattoos for centuries to make certain statements.

The 5th century Greeks used tattoos as a means of communication between spies. The Romans marked criminals and slaves with tattoos. Maya, Inca and Aztec peoples used tattoos in rituals and the Norse and Saxons proudly tattooed family crests on their bodies.

During the Crusades, soldiers tattooed crosses on their hands to indicate that if they were killed, they needed a Christian burial. Here in Canada, Inuit people sometimes created tattoos by pulling carbon-infused thread through their skins or rubbing ashes or ink into cuts in their bodies.

Recent tattoo information that really caught my attention was the news that the European Union has banned some pigments used in tattooing, deeming them a health hazard. Green and blue pigments, which ink manufacturers and tattoo artists say may be impossible to replace, will be forbidden as of next year.

North American regulatory agencies are considering similar bans on some inks. There is concern among tattoo artists that not having certain inks will make it difficult to do some tattoos, notably the increasingly popular portrait tattoos. Those are the ones where someone decides to get a full-size, blue-eyed hula girl in green skirt inked on their back instead of a plain black and white screaming eagle on their chest.

Some ink manufacturers now put heavy metals such as copper and barium into their pigments to improve colour variations. Also, some have used neurotoxic agents like cadmium, lead and arsenic that can do odd things to the central nervous system.

Concerns over those ingredients appear to be the reason for the ink bans in Europe. However, despite the increasing number of people with tattoos there have been few documented health problems attributed to tattoos. The most common complications are allergic reactions and bacterial infections.

After gathering all of this information I have decided, once again, not to get a tattoo.

My apologies to the ladies at the lake, who had been anxiously awaiting my July 17 appearance on the dock.



Summer days

A grey tree frog finds a relatively peaceful spot to rest. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

letters to the editor

Celebrate Loud and Proud

To the Editor,

All around the world, Pride month draws to a close this long weekend celebrating the S2LGBTQ+ community. Minden Pride kicks off our own local festival this year August 22-28th, with the theme of Loud and Proud in 2022.

Over the past seven years Minden Pride has grown to be one of the largest cultural festivals in the county celebrating equality, diversity, and inclusiveness. We have successfully engaged community leaders to promote awareness and respect for S2LGBTQ+ people. Gaining the support of over 60 local businesses, we have built a dedicated following. We have taken part in many neighbourhood events and have increased our visibility exponentially. We are so proud that we have made a difference within our county; whether it comes in the form of welcoming smiles at a local farmers' market, waving to us on our Pride float in the Santa Claus parades, or the high school inviting us to join with their students in their very first Pride week celebrations. We are very grateful for the goodwill we have experienced from our chosen community.

But this year, we feel a sense of unease, as reports of homophobic occurrences seem to escalate in a climate of fear and distrust. Hate crimes against the S2LGBTQ+ community persist even in our own backyard with rainbow flags removed or destroyed, or Pride events being threatened in small towns across Ontario. Far more insidious are the violent incidents happening around the globe: Norway, 20 gay people targeted and shot while out for a drink on a summer night; in Poland 100 municipalities declared LGBT-free zones; and next door in the U.S., more than 300

anti-LGBTQ bills were introduced in state legislatures this year alone.

In over 70 countries around the world being queer is criminalized, or worse yet, a death sentence. Last year, we raised over ten thousand dollars toward Rainbow Railroad, an organization committed to helping support people fleeing oppression and violence.

Our own Minden Pride was started out of homophobic actions right here in the county. The unhappy truth is that even in Canada, one of the world's most open countries, a segment of our society does not support the queer community - people who, just like all Canadians, want to live their lives openly and truthfully in happiness, without fear.

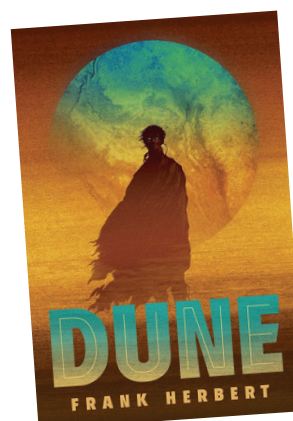
In response to the escalation of anti-queer tensions, we are reminded that Pride cannot be just about parties or feel-good rainbow colours. We must remember that Pride's power comes from the politics of struggle, a movement begun as a protest. We must continue to call out hatred against those trying to live truthful lives. We must continue to be a viable part of the community. We must persist in being able to live our lives in peace.

This year we are asking for support from you, our Haliburton County friends and neighbours, as we continue to face down, and fight back against extremism and negativity with expressions of love and goodwill.

Please join us at Minden Pride in the Haliburton Highlands.

Allan Guinan
Chair - Minden Pride

Authors to Actors - June



A science-fiction of epic proportions whether it's viewed on the page or on the screen, *Dune* is the tale of Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man who is heir to a powerful fortune. With grit and determination, he must navigate a vicious war over the galaxy's most valuable asset in order to ensure the future of his family and his people.

Originally published in 1965, *Dune* was the first in a series of six beloved novels by Frank Herbert, and is considered to be the world's best-selling sci-fi novel of all time. In 2021, this thrilling story was adapted to the screen in an explosive movie starring Timothée Chalamet and Zendaya.

A tale of addiction, betrayal, destruction and destiny, *Dune* is sure to delight both fantasy and sci-fi fans alike. Check out both the novel and the movie from Haliburton County Public Library today, and see if you can spot all the differences!.

Point in Time gives local children a sense of belonging

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Point in Time annual general meeting on June 21 was a night full of thanks for the staff, board members, and community members that have allowed the organization to help local children and youth feel a sense of belonging during adverse circumstances.

Point in Time executive director Marg Cox expressed the importance of taking time to make everyone in Haliburton County feel included.

"There's a lot to be said about the importance of belonging. We are part children and youth mental health agency. On one end of the spectrum we help support people with treatment, with recreation, with other services, and it feels like another part of our job is to try and help build community because we know so much about the importance of belonging," Cox said.

Point in Time was able to serve 1,268 local children and youth in 2021-2022.

President of the board of directors Sandy Adams said that the past year was one of progress and persistence for Point in Time.

"Our executive director Marg Cox and her amazing leadership team and staff have continued to provide outstanding support and service to the children, youth, and families of Haliburton County despite still juggling the challenges of COVID-19 and those remote technology infrastructure challenges. Their resourcefulness and persistence is second to none, and rest assured, this crew will not only get the job done, but with a passion and dedication that is indicative of their calling. The board of directors welcomes some new faces and continues to be a strong advocate for the agency and its staff to ensure that each

member is able to work to support the families of Haliburton County in each stage. The dedication of this board is outstanding in its work at supporting diversity, equity, inclusion, governance, human resources, finances, and quality assurance. The work within these areas grows stronger as the board grows stronger. Our strength is our people, and we have strong people. I am reminded of the words of American anthropologist Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," Adams said.

"We as a board continue to work together with the staff of Point in Time to ensure that we support Point in Time Centre for youth, children, and their families in the upcoming year and always."

Adams will be stepping down as president and will be past-president for the 2022-2023 year. Susan MacInnes will take on the role of president, and Michelle Leigh will become vice-president.

Cox began the executive director's report with a land acknowledgement and recognition of Indigenous people, because the AGM fell on National Indigenous Peoples Day. Cox also addressed other marginalized groups and Point in Time's goal to serve everyone in the community.

"People continue to experience racism, marginalization, bullying, micro-aggression, and true aggression right here in Haliburton County ... Our Youth Hub is going to be starting to track people's racial backgrounds so we can see as an organization, are we in fact reflecting what the demographics say, or is it a place that's more exclusive than others," she said.

The Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub, which provides services and supports

for youth in Haliburton County such as mental health and peer support, has served 656 youth in the 2021-2022 year as stated in the Point in Time Annual Report. This was a 226 per cent increase from the previous year.

Ashley Wilson has recently been included on the staff list at Point in Time as an Indigenous peer navigator.

Seven staff members at Point in Time were recognized at the AGM for their years of service to the organization. Kelsey Sharpless and Lindsay Kerkhof were recognized for five years, Amanda Wells and Joelle Hill were recognized for 10 years, Cox was recognized for 15 years, and Dawn Hurd and Lisa Hamilton were recognized for 20 years of service. Cathy Constantino will be retiring after 12 years of working as an early interventionist at Point in Time.

Deputy Mayor and Ward 2 Councillor for Algonquin Highlands Liz Danielsen was thanked by Cox for her help in securing internet and transportation for the organization.

"I just want to thank all of you, the board and the entire team, for the work that you do. It means so much to the families here in Haliburton County, and I expect probably beyond Haliburton County. Congratulations to you all, well done, and I'm just so glad to be here," Danielsen said.

Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock MP Jamie Schmale's chief of staff Andrew Hodgson said, "Jamie recently visited the Youth Hub in person and really expanded on his admiration of all the efforts. As for myself, I worked alongside Marg and everyone at Point in Time for 15 to 20 years, and I can't speak highly enough. Congratulations from Jamie and myself for another good year," Hodgson said.

Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock Laurie Scott said in a video message, "The

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— POINT IN TIME
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARG COX

work you do to support families, especially over the last two years, is incredible. Not long ago, we were all together for the opening of the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub, and I can't thank Point in Time enough for their leadership on the project that has supported youth in our community. The community would not be the same without your dedication and commitment to helping local families."

Cox credited the board and the staff for their efforts.

She said, "I can't say how lucky I am to work with both such a great board, such a great staff team. One of the things I'm very proud of is that people continue to come to work, put a smile on their face, put their shoulder to the wheel, and continue to figure out more creative ways to support people and help address the needs of the residents of Haliburton County."



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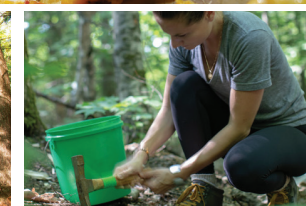
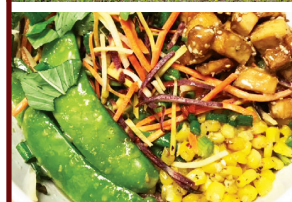
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LOTS OF SPACE TO ADVENTURE, ROAM & RELAX

Students learn importance of Indigenous beadwork

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

It all started with one little bead for students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Eventually they were making felt pins for Water First donations.

Earlier this month, Larry O'Connor was asked by teachers to come into their classrooms to teach students about his Indigenous heritage, the culture, and activities such as beading.

"There are different types of Indigenous beading. The Métis have a style of beading that's a little different from the Anishinaabe and the Mohawk way of beading. However, to start off, there's some very simple beading, which is what I showed the kids," O'Connor said.

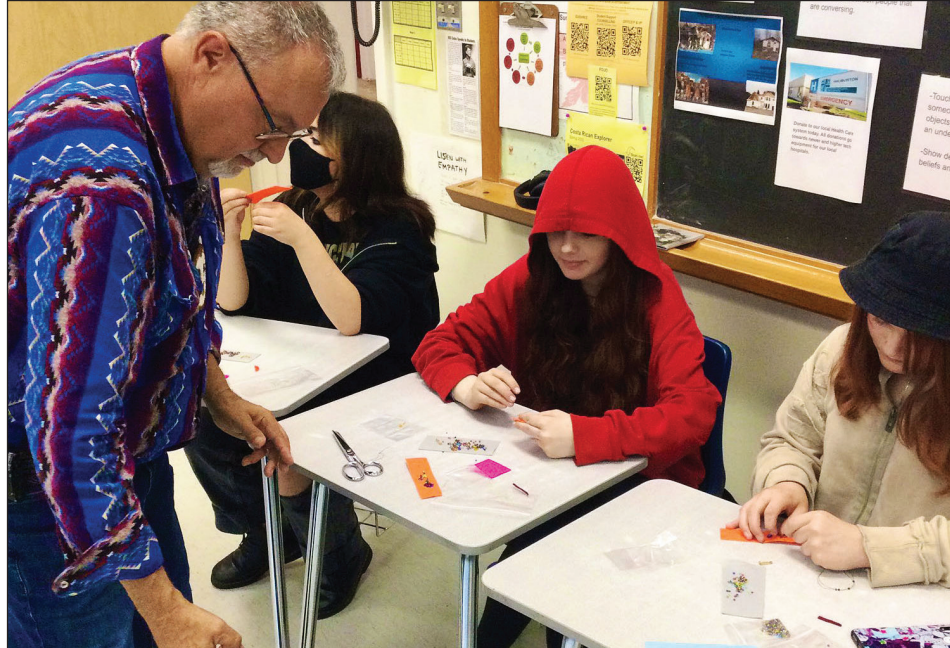
O'Connor, whose spirit name is Boodawidoombe, is an Odawa Anishinaabe. He is a part of the Sheshegwaning reserve on Manitoulin Island.

O'Connor did not live on the reserve. He grew up in Oshawa, and only started exploring his roots about six years ago.

"Both of my parents were Indigenous, but we grew up as non-status people. It wasn't for a while until my father started exploring his roots," he said.

He enjoyed working with and teaching the students at HHSS because they were just as engaged and intrigued to learn.

"It takes a lot of work to bead, and they stuck with it. It's a little tricky if you've never beaded. There are a lot of hours that goes into it, but they were keen. I found the students really want to know about the culture, and I found it remarkable that they want to learn because I want to share."



Students at HHSS learning how to make beaded felt pins for Water First Donations for their Indigenous Awareness week. Teaching them is Larry O'Connor. /Submitted.

Cynthia McAlister, the Indigenous studies teacher at the high school, met O'Connor through a blanket ceremony that the school organized, and learned that he was a resident of Haliburton County.

"I asked him to come into the class to teach us how to do some beadwork because he does incredible beadwork. I asked him to teach us just a simple flower," McAlister said.

With June being National Indigenous history month, HHSS held an Indigenous Awareness week where every day featured different themes with different activities. For

instance, on the Wednesday, the theme was "Residential Schools," and the activity was to wear orange to school.

HHSS also collected donations for Water First, a non-profit organization that helps First Nations communities to solve local water difficulties through education and training. Each donation was recognized with a hand-beaded pin that O'Connor taught the students to make.

"I wanted to have something that we could offer to give to somebody if they were giving us donations," McAlister said.

O'Connor played a crucial role for Indigenous awareness week at HHSS, because his lessons taught the students how to create beaded pins.

"He didn't actually come in and partake in the week's activities because it was too hard to co-ordinate, but speaking with him, talking to him, certainly helped kind of guide us into some ideas for the activities, like beading," explained McAlister.

In the last six years, O'Connor has taken the love he has for his culture to great heights. If you listen to Canoe FM, you might just recognize his name.

"For the last six years, as an Indigenous person, I have hosted a radio program at Canoe FM called *Tales from the Big Canoe*, and over the course of that six years, I have interviewed dozens and dozens of people, from Indigenous artists to Indigenous politicians," O'Connor said.

It's been a long journey for O'Connor as he has dedicated recent years into learning all about the Indigenous culture, and his family history. It's only been about a year and a half since he's accepted his status as First Nation.

Now, he still dedicates his time to learning, but also to him, it is important that he shares his knowledge as well.

"I want to share as much knowledge that I gained. Knowledge needs to be shared. An example of one thing that I think is important is our beading. Typically, the beads came from shells, so there is that connection to Mother Earth and to water. Those are extremely important to us. I mean, we are born through the water of the women. They are the beings that can give us life. That's how important they are. That is what I shared with the students."

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Gr. 8 Graduates

School board trustee's message

It is my privilege and honour as your Haliburton County trustee to speak at the celebration of Grade 8 graduates.

Let me give a huge shout out to the school administration for their leadership this year, and also the last two years of these unprecedented times of the pandemic. Also, to the teachers for their unwavering commitment to excellence in making sure student achievement was their number one goal. To all the support staff, you are the engine that makes everything work. Your tireless commitment is priceless, thank you. Parents, your unconditional love for your sons/daughters is evident tonight by the smiles on their faces – it's never easy, but it's always worthwhile on the journey to success.

Grade 8 graduates: congratulations on reaching this milestone. It hasn't been easy, however, your tenacity, dedication and perseverance got you here and now it's time for high school.

Allow me to give a few thoughts of wisdom to be successful on your new jour-

ney:

- Do what is right each and every day – we all know right from wrong so choose wisely.
- Cultivate gratitude in your daily routine – concentrate on feeling grateful – simply feeling thankful and saying 'thank you' for what you have will lead you to a happier and more satisfying and healthier life.
- Use your voice to make positive change – silence is not good enough.
- There are three rules of being successful at high school – first, go to class. Second, go to class. Third, go to class.

And lastly – wisdom is a gift and your parents have a ton of wisdom – their knowledge and experience are important – so don't shut them out. Ask for help, and be open and honest, and good things happen.

Enjoy your celebration.

Gary Brohman, trustee



Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 8 teachers, from left, Michelle Kernohan, Teresa Bird, Dylan Cook, Cheryl Patterson, and Natalia Brown give a farewell speech to their graduating students at the in-person graduation ceremony held at the school on Friday, June 24. The ceremony was the first time that ASES could welcome friends and family of students to join the ceremony in the gym since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



The Archie Stouffer Elementary School graduation committee would like to thank the following for the generous contributions and support for this year's Graduation celebration.

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Principal's message

Graduates,

Tonight you have reached a milestone - your Grade 8 graduation. As you leave Archie Stouffer and move onto high school, I hope you remember and appreciate your time here. Some of you have been at this school for 10 years, that's more than 2/3rds of your life, and others have joined more recently. Regardless of the time, please take a moment to reflect on the friendships you have made and the memories you have because I know there are many; both good and not so good. Also, at some point tonight, or over the next few days take a moment to thank your parents or other important people in your life that have helped you along the way.

Elementary school is one stepping stone to your future goals and aspirations. Dream Big! Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The future belongs to those that believe in the beauty of their dreams." I truly believe that if you have the desire, the commitment and the work ethic you can and will achieve your dreams. You just need to believe in yourself.

As you move into high school you will be faced with obstacles: some will be easy, some will be hard and sometimes you might veer off the path, and that's OK. You will make mistakes because that is part of growing up but the important thing is to own your part, learn, move on and know there will always be people along the way to help you. Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

I want you to know that it has been my absolute pleasure to be your principal this year and I hope that I have made an impression on you despite our short time together. I know that you have made an impression on me.

I would like to leave you with this final thought by Dr. Seuss: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." Take the pathway that best fits you.

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Valedictorian's message

Fellow graduates, parents, family, teachers and friends,

I am honoured that you chose me to be your valedictorian.

First, let's just acknowledge us being together in the gym. It's been awhile.

Also might I say how nice everyone looks - we clean up pretty well, don't we guys?

Thank you to the graduation committee for organizing this evening and making it special.

Well, here we are - we have finally graduated. This may not seem like a huge step in our lives - but let's think back 10 years to when we started this journey. Before writing this speech, I looked at some of my old school work and was amazed to find where this all started.

Ten years ago we were in kindergarten. This is where we began learning the fundamentals that brought us to today and will continue us forward. A decade ago we learned how to write our names, how to read, how to count, how to use scissors and how we are supposed to get along with others.

From there we kept learning many other life lessons without even knowing it. We have learned teamwork not just from sports, but also from back in Grade 2 when we set up the dam in the forest and had to work together to try and fill the ditch with water.

We've learned to never water a plant with milk, unless you want a fart-smelling plant.

We've learned about the dangers of peer pressure from when everyone needed a fidget spinner. Or when we all became yo-yo masters. Remember that? Quick survey, who has used their yo-yo recently?

We've learned responsibility from when we had kinderbuddies and had to demonstrate being a positive role model and using positive habits.

We learned how to adapt to change when we, and the rest of the world, had to learn from home. I'm not going to lie - it wasn't always easy, it wasn't always fun, but we got through it. Didn't we?

And, through these past 10 years we've learned how to say goodbye to old friends and to welcome new ones.

We didn't learn these valuable life lessons on our own - we had teachers who through patience and persistence taught these to us.

We need to thank our first teachers - our parents who have been with us from the first step and every step on this journey. Thank you for putting up with us, loving us and encouraging us. We could not have done it without you.

Next, a thank you to the teachers and staff of Archie Stouffer, that have also put up with us and helped us practise these skills. You've made Archie Stouffer a second home.

As we continue on the journey to high school and beyond, we will learn more lessons and we will create more memories, but we will always - no matter what happens from here - we will always remember our time at Archie Stouffer.

And the most important lesson of all - Wildcats ... roar!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022.

Grace Alder



Grace Alder addresses her fellow graduates in her valedictorian speech at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 8 in-person graduation ceremony at the school on Friday, June 24. The ceremony was the first time that ASES could welcome friends and family of students to join the ceremony in the gym since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 8 graduate Maddy Walker holds up her Principal All-Round Student Award and Athletic Achievement Award after the graduation ceremony held on Friday, June 24. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Honours:
Grace Allder, Elizabeth Allin, Clementine Bainbridge, Erik Bird, Jaylynn Bull, Tory Byrnes, Lilly Casey, Emily Graves, Isabelle Horner-Xerri, Madelyn Walker

Scholars:
Paige Brosseau, Ava Code, Ethan Durepos, Emma Hewitt DiSabato, Austin Latanville, Don Lowe, Parker Simms, Sydney Steffensen, Piper Porter, Owen Whitteker

Subject awards
The following subject awards are presented to students who have demonstrated consistent high marks as well as a positive attitude in that subject area.

Horseshoe Lake Science and Technology Award
*Ava Code
Isabelle Horner-Xerri*

Toronto Dominion Canada Trust English Award
*Clementine Bainbridge
Erik Bird*

CIBC Math Award
*Elizabeth Allin
Lilly Casey*

French Award
*Grace Allder
Isabelle Horner-Xerri*

Tim Harrison Memorial Award for Music
*Elizabeth Allin
Tory Byrnes*

ASES Award for the Arts
*Emily Graves
Paige Brosseau*

Minden Hills Museum History Award
*Jaylynn Bull
Tory Byrnes*

ASES Geography Award
*Owen Whitteker
Ethan Durepos*

Honour awards
The **Arcadia Masonic Lodge Award** is presented annually to a student who has worked very hard to succeed at school.
Sydney Steffensen

The **Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario Leadership Award** is presented to a student who has demonstrated strong leadership skills to younger students within the school community.
Austin Mackay



Recipients of Honour Awards pose for a photo after the Archie Stouffer Elementary School graduation ceremony on Friday, June 24. /Photos by Teresa Bird



Austin Latanville, left, and Maddy Walker, right, received the Athletic Achievement Award and Lilly Casey and Owen Whitteker, centre, received the Athletic Sportsmanship Awards.



Paige Brosseau receives the Character Education Award for exemplifying Trillium Lakelands District School Board character traits from Grade 8 teacher Cheryl Patterson. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Recipients of Subject Awards pose for a photo after the Archie Stouffer Elementary School graduation ceremony.

The **Alan Walker Memorial Award for Citizenship** is given to a student who has been of great assistance to staff and other students. The student is recognized for their willingness to be supportive and readily willing to help the adults at school and to their peers.
Erik Bird

The award for **Academic Excellence** is presented to a student who has achieved academic honours, meaning an average of at least 80 per cent across all subject areas. In addition, this student has demonstrated a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to learning.

Elizabeth Allin
The **Character Education Award** is presented to a student who has exemplified the TLDSB character traits of Goal Setting, Honesty, Perseverance, Fairness, Responsibility, Citizenship, Compassion, Respect, Trustworthiness and Self-Control during their school years.
Paige Brosseau

The **Sarah Bloomfield Award** is presented to a student who is fun-loving, has a zest for life and is always a spark in the room.
Ethan Hullah

The **Athletic Sportsmanship Award** is presented to students who have demonstrated a positive attitude, respect for self and others as well as good sportsmanship on school sports teams and gym class.
*Lilly Casey
Owen Whitteker*

The **Athletic Achievement Award** is presented to a student who has demonstrated a high standard of achievement, skill and sportsmanship on school sports teams and in gym class.
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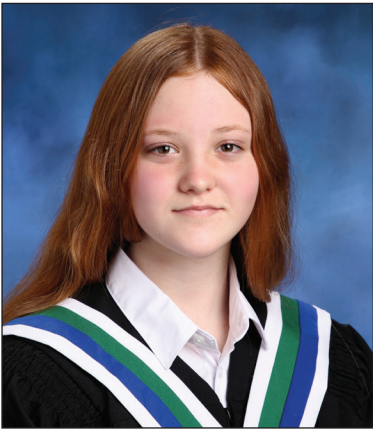
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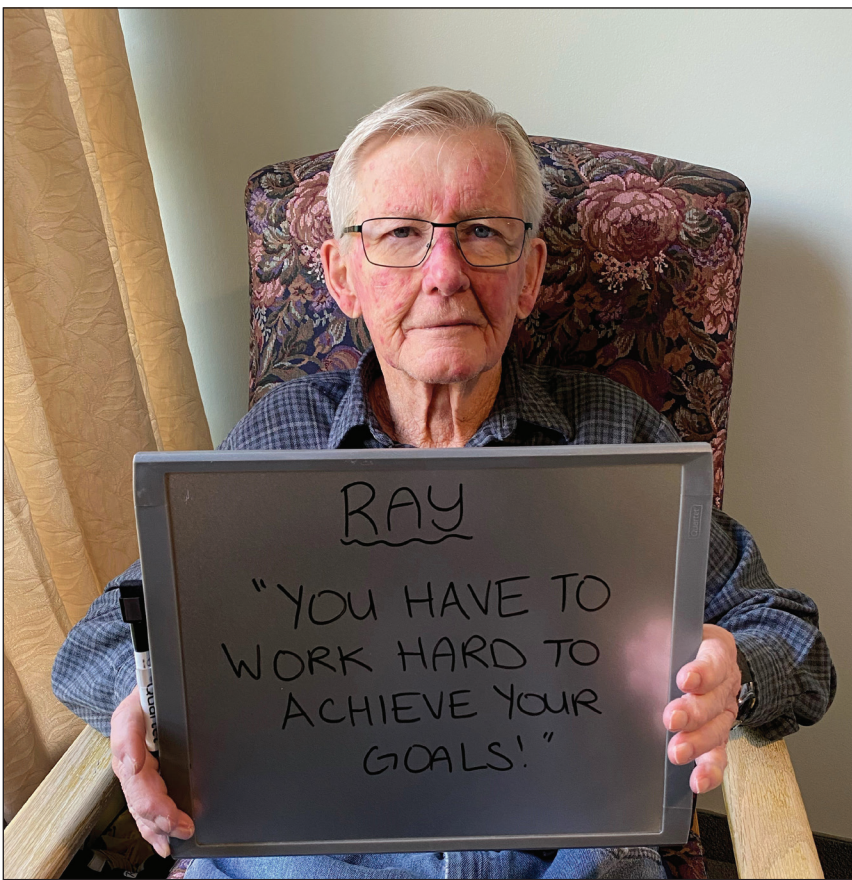
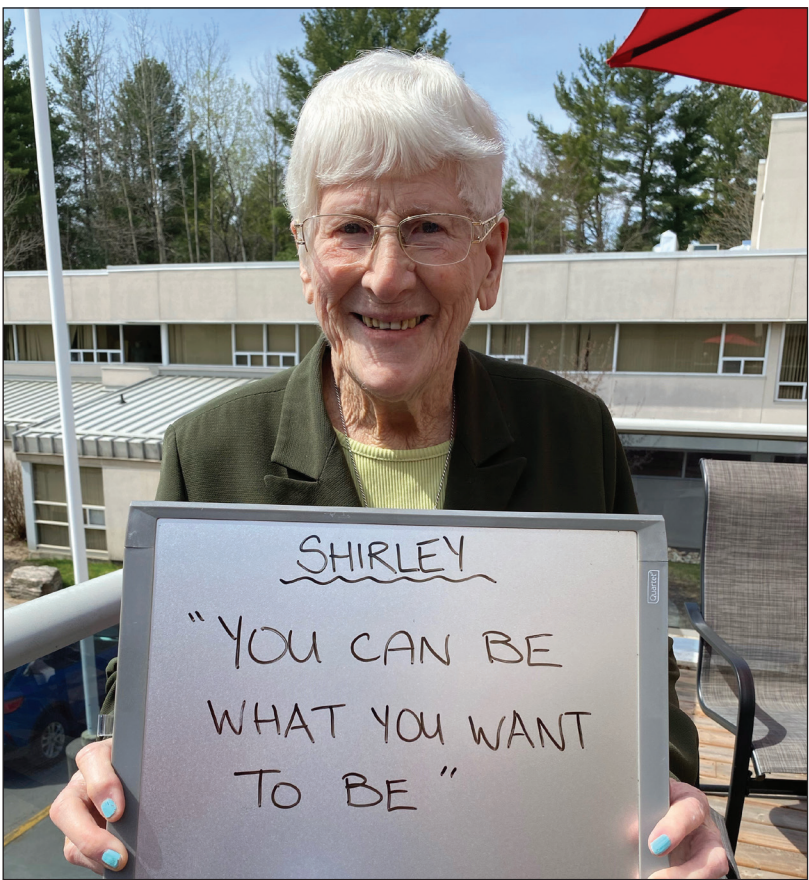
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The Highlands are alive with *The Sound of Music*

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

Music, dance, and theatre performance are about to become a few of the county's favourite things.

The Highlands Summer Festival returns to the stage in July and August, starting with the opening of *The Sound of Music* on July 4. There will be 10 performances, including three matinees.

The shows will be staged at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, which is in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton.

The Sound of Music tells the story of Maria who becomes a governess to seven of the von Trapp children while contemplating whether to become a nun. She inevitably falls in love with the children and Captain von Trapp. Meanwhile the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, leaving Maria and the von Trapp family to make difficult decisions.

After two years of postponement due to the pandemic, the artistic director, Scot Denton, looks forward to a grand return to the stage.

"After being postponed for two summers with everybody in lockdown and having restrictions, this is such a joyous story to come and watch," Denton said.

The cast of *The Sound of Music* requires specific attention to detail, specifically to the height of actors, making the two-year pandemic gap a struggle. The children who auditioned for a certain role in 2020 have since grown and developed.

"There is fun and comedy in the fact that the von Trapp kids range in age and in height. You want to make sure the youngest is the littlest in size. The kids are two years older now. You can't use the same kids two years later, because they don't look like kids anymore," explained Denton.

"That's definitely been a struggle, is trying to make sure that we're keeping the cast the way that it should be for the show."

The mother-daughter duo of Meghan Mardus and her daughter, Evelyn have both been cast for roles.



With July 4 fast approaching, the cast of *The Sound of Music* are in rehearsals. River Christiano who plays Liesl, from left, Tommy Griffith plays Friedrich, Ella Gooley plays Louisa, Duncan Evans-Fockler as Kurt, Ali Powell stars as Maria, Brooke Gooley plays Brigitta, then Evelyn Mardus is Marta, and Penelope Irvine is Gretl. /Submitted.

Meghan is playing Sister Berthe and Evelyn will play the role of Marta von Trapp, the second youngest children of seven.

"I am the nun who does not want Maria to stay in the Abbey and the group of women who play the nuns are lovely. We have such a great time at rehearsals. We laugh, sing, and we work hard of course," Meghan said.

Both Meghan and Evelyn auditioned in 2020 and weren't sure if the show would still be staged two years later. Meghan is beyond excited to put on a show for the community and Evelyn believes that theatre is what brings Haliburton together.

"To bring the festival back with a show like *The Sound of Music* just feels so appropriate because it is just the quintessential musical and it is so loved by generations of theatre goers. It is also very emotional, because not only is it just the culmination of months of work, but now it is also the culmination of waiting two years," Meghan said.

"I think that live theatre has always been a part of Haliburton and a lot of the actors are from Haliburton, which is cool. I

also think that Haliburton loves watching all these theatre productions, so it is a part of Haliburton," said Evelyn.

The last time the Highlands Summer Festival put on *The Sound of Music* was in 2004 and the tickets sold out. Even though Denton was not the director at the time, this did not come as a surprise to him.

"It's joyous. People love the music. The audience experiences the story with the characters in a very special way," he said.

Denton is also directing another show scheduled for August called *Every Brilliant Thing*. More shows include, *Importance of Being Earnest* and the festival also has two guest productions, which are *Lucien* and *Across the Pond*.

The Sound of Music is a story that brings people together.

"Music is a universal language and people need it right now. It's an important time to get out there and do some things as a community, especially live activities with real people and entertainment such as theatre and music," Denton said.

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Eat, play, and stay at the Rockcliffe Moore Falls

The Rockcliffe will be opening the doors of its new location on July 1 in Moore Falls at 1014 Lois Lane off of Highway 35, the former location of the Summerkiss Restaurant. The location will feature a restaurant, bar, and seven guest rooms available for booking.
/Photo submitted



by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

The Rockcliffe bar, restaurant, and hotel is making a momentous comeback on July 1, but not in downtown Minden.

Owners of the Rockcliffe recently purchased what was formerly the Summerkiss Restaurant in Moore Falls to fulfill their dream after meeting road blocks with the original location.

The plan was for the original Rockcliffe to be demolished and a new bar, restaurant, and hotel to be built in its place.

There is no foreseeable timeline for the Bobcaygeon Road Rockcliffe location to open. In the meantime, the owners are using their original ideas and implementing them at their new location at 1014 Lois Lane off of Highway 35 in Moore Falls.

The Rockcliffe owners - Mark Dracup, Lise Dracup, Dan Gosselin, and Johnathan McMahon - have been busy renovating the space over the past eight months to be ready to open for the July 1 long weekend.

"We have live entertainment, a fireworks display, a new menu, and it's going to be a great party. We have our liquor licence to serve up to 260 guests at any given time. We expect a good crowd throughout the entire weekend, and it should be a lot of fun," Dracup said.

Their goal is to be open seven days a week if they are able to acquire enough staff members.

Dracup expects both new customers and people that knew and loved the original Rockcliffe to come and enjoy their Moore Falls location.

"It may take people a little while to understand that it's not the old location, but it's just down at the other end of [Gull Lake], and I think seasonal cottagers and visitors will drive by it right on Highway 35, the gateway to Haliburton," he said.

The group hopes to offer a place in the county to "Eat, Play, and Stay," past the closing hours of other businesses.

"If people come in to Haliburton, they're going to see something new and exciting. The reality in Haliburton today is that if you want to go out anywhere past 9 p.m. on a Saturday night, nothing is open. We will stay open as long as business dictates," Dracup said.

"We have a very, very high-end chef. We're going to have mainstream pub food, but also high-end food as well. We expect to have the best wine, cocktail, and food menus in Haliburton."

The Rockcliffe Moore Falls will also have seven rooms for rent with their own en-suites for visitors to stay after enjoying the restaurant and bar, and there will be boat access on Gull Lake.

In the future, the Rockcliffe hopes to utilize their seven acres of space for camping, weddings and events, games, and more.

"We're just trying to get phase one done, which is the buildings, the rooms, the kitchen, and the entertainment set up, and then we'll move on to everything else."

Merchandise can be purchased at www.therockcliffe.ca and you can find the Rockcliffe on both Instagram and Facebook. Their menus will also be posted on their website.

Manager Kirsty Goodearle said that her vision for the Rockcliffe Moore Falls is to "bring an elevated level of service, food, and beverage to the Haliburton region, and for [the Rockcliffe] to get back to being the heart of Haliburton's entertainment."

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Halls Lake family pursues new business venture

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Lola's Meal Stop and Snack Shop is a long-awaited dream come true for Lori Glenn and her family.

The food truck opened on May 6 in Carnarvon at the previous Carnarvon Bowl location at the corner intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 118.

Glenn was seeking a change in pace from her 9-to-5 desk job after working in market research for many years. With her two children Matea and Taylor Cameron living back at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, the family decided that it was the perfect time to try something new.

The long-time Halls Lake residents knew the old bowling alley property would be the ideal location when it became available to lease.

"We do well here. We're getting to know the people, they're getting to know us, and it's nice because there is that central aspect to being right in Carnarvon," Glenn said.

She also said that they've received a lot of support from the community and local restaurants willing to offer a hand.

"I think everybody's aware that there is space for a lot more in this town. They're really supportive. Every week it gets steadier," said Taylor. "This week's been busy, and we expect to keep getting busier with school finishing and more people coming to visit their cottages in the area. We are looking forward to that."

The one item on their menu that has been a big hit so far is pizza.

"Pizza seems to be the one thing that we sell the most of, it wasn't intended to be, but it was what kick-started our success here," Matea said. "The big thing that we wanted it to be is all-fresh, homemade food. We grew up here, and nothing is ever open past 5 p.m. so we wanted this to be a good addition to the county."

Lola's Meal Stop and Snack Shop also offers hand-cut fries, ice cream, poutine, sausages and hot dogs.

"We're slowly adding more menu items. Another thing that we're going to have are different barbecue flavours of the



Lola's Meal Stop & Snack Shop is open for business seven days a week at the previous Carnarvon Bowl property at the intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 118 in Carnarvon. Pictured are owners Matea Cameron, Lori Glenn, and Taylor Cameron. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

world, burgers, baked goods, funnel cakes, and we eventually hope to start catering. We're looking forward to getting them out there," Taylor said.

Their goal is to stay open into the colder seasons as long as there is a customer demand.

Lola's Meal Stop and Snack Shop is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays for lunch and dinner with breakfast to

follow soon. They can be found on Facebook and Instagram @lolasincarnarvon, and ask that you call 705-489-1100 in advance to order pizza.

Glenn said, "We're really happy to be here, and for years we've sought after this property after the bowling alley burned down. The community seems really happy as well, and we're excited to see what the future brings."

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Just keep truckin’ on

Cody Martin competed in the 4x4 Gas Pickup Factory long and short wheelbase Truck Pull Competition with his 2022 GMC Sierra 1500 at the 33rd Annual Minden Kinsmen Truck Pull on Saturday, June 25. The event also featured a Show and Shine Competition with 12 different classes of trucks, an ATV Hole Shot Competition, prizes for competition winners, and food and refreshments. All proceeds from the event go towards the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the local community. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Tom Prentice Sr. uses his voice in the announcer’s booth during the truck pull event. /KAREN LONDON Staff



Crowds gathered in the hot afternoon sun to watch the 33rd Annual Minden Kinsmen Truck Pull and Show and Shine at the Minden Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 25. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Mike Wilbee takes part in the Tandem and Tri-axle Dump Truck pull. /KAREN LONDON Staff



A Massey Ferguson tractor was entered in the 1999 and older class, one of 12 classes, in the Show and Shine. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

ATV results

450 and under stock
1 - Crystal Alton

451 - 750 stock
1 - Greg Jarvis
2 - Greg Jarvis
3 - Andy Rickard

451 - 750 modified
1 - Austyn Dick

751 and up stock
1 - Brian Couvier
2 - Johnathan Humby

Sport ATV
1 - Brad Lodge
2 - Greg Nimigon

UTV
801 and up stock
1 - Greg Robinson
2 - Evan Poulton
3 - Anthony Wilson

Truck pull results
2x4 Pickup Factory Long and Short Wheel Base
1 - Mike Fisher
2 - Steve Carnochan
3 - Tom Britton

4x4 Gas Pickups Factory Long and Short Wheel Base
1 - Brent Martin
2 - Jeff Howe
3 - Tony Prentice

4x4 Gas Pickups Non-Factory Long and Short Wheel Base
1 - Jake McFadden
2 - Brent Martin
3 - Josh Upton

4x4 Diesel Pickups
1 - Randy Griffin
2 - Griffen Baldry
3 - Greg Jarvis

4x4 Chipped Diesel Pickups
1 - Griffen Baldry
2 - Michael McKee
3 - Dan Sully

4x4 Dual Wheeled Pickups and Dump Box
1 - Rick Lichty
2 - Tim Johnston

4x4 Pro Street Circuit (Gas and Diesel)
1 - Josh Calberry
2 - Josh Fawcett
3 - Mike Dolliver

Tandem and Tri-axle Dump Trucks
1 - Jesse Hamilton
2 - Mike Fisher
3 - Mike Wilbee

Log Trucks
1 - Cody (Rogerson Logging)

Highway Tractors
1 - Alex Carano
2 - Duivenvoorden Haulage #130
3 - Mike (Rogerson Logging)

Pro Street Highway Tractors
1 - Stephan Carano



Working trucks were well in attendance for this year's Show and Shine competition. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. from Barrie brought a fleet of 10 trucks for the Show and Shine. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

A 1986 Chevrolet Blazer, owned by Karen London, won the Judge's Choice class in the Show and Shine. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Segway Powersports Canada offered attendees a chance to test-ride brand new ATV and side-by-sides. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Taking a stroll down the pickup truck Show and Shine. In total there were 124 entries in the Show and Shine competition, doubling participation from 2019. /KAREN LONDON Staff

Show and Shine results

Class #1 – 2020 and Newer Highway Tractors
1 – Randy's Landscaping
2 – Kevin Everton
3 – Colby Cunningham

Class #2 – 2019 and Older Highway Tractors
1 – Dustin McKnight
2 – Chris Lalonde
3 – Nicole Gilmour

Class #3 – 2020 and Newer Working Trucks
1 – Robert Stevens
2 – Garbutt Disposal, 2020 International
3 – Wes London, 2022 Freightliner

Class #4 – 2019 – 2013 Working Trucks
1 – Muskoka Disposal, 2019 Western Star
2 – Brody and Zach Prentice, 2016 Freightliner
3 – Josh McDermitt, 2019 International

Class #5 – 2012 and Older Working Trucks
1 – Jim Post, 1990 Kenworth
2 – Muskoka Disposal, 2002 Freightliner
3 – Rodger's Logging, 2003 Western Star

Class #6 – Judge's Choice
1 – Karen London, 1986 Chev

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Austin Barry

Class #7 – Best Custom
1 – Jesse Johnston, 2006 Dodge

Class #8 – Best Fleet
1 – Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd.
2 – Garbutt Disposal
3 – Randy's Landscaping

Class #9 – 2020 and Newer Pickups
1 – Joel Parker, 2022 GMC
2 – Graham Neave, 2022 Chev
3 – Matt Hutchinson, 2022 GMC

Class #10 – 2019 – 2012 Pickups
1 – Louie Reynolds, 2018 Chev

Class #11 – 2011 – 2000 Pickups
1 – Izac Reid, 2005 GMC
2 – Louie Reynolds, 2006 Ford
3 – Janice Barry, 2006 Dodge

Class #12 – 1999 and Older Trucks
1 – Rob Chapman, 1956 Ford
2 – Tony Prentice, 1937 Ford
3 – OCD Detailing, 1986 GMC

Class #13 – Tractor
Brayden Alton, Crystal Alton

Summer resident and environmentalist wins LKO Conservation award



A behind-the-scenes look at Blake Parkinson filming his instagram live show called *Planet Protectors*. He started this show during the pandemic. /Submitted

by GRACE OBORNE
Special to the Times

Preserving the health of our Earth is something that we should all work toward.

During a virtual, annual general meeting of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization that took place on June 15, Blake Parkinson was presented with the organization's Conservation Award for his ongoing work to preserve the environment, especially our lakes.

Parkinson created a YouTube series called *Blake on the Lake*, for his peers on Lake Kashagawigamog where he teaches the ways in which we can improve the environment.

His videos include informational facts, compelling questions, and utmost enthusiasm that ultimately caught the attention of LKO members.

"The videos that he did ... He is just so enthusiastic and so exuberant, and he just exudes confidence for a 14-year-old. He comes across in these little two-minute videos as funny and he just captures people's attention," said Wendy Hampson, membership director of the LKO.

"These videos are aimed for kids, but for the adults, it's also wonderful because they're light-hearted and they've got a couple, maybe two or three nuggets of factual information that he's researched himself. It's just a perfect little tidbit to pick an adult's interest to go on and research a little bit deeper on whatever the topic was."

Before creating *Blake on the Lake*, Parkinson was hosting weekly live Instagram videos called *Planet Protectors*.

"*Planet Protectors* was something where I had always made these little initiatives, but they didn't really go very far. Then, I was approached by Kirsten Sixt because she knew that I was doing my Instagram videos called *Planet Protectors*, and she suggested that I do something about being on the lake and how we can protect the lake," explained Parkinson.

Kirsten Sixt is the social director of the LKO and is who nominated Blake. Members of the conservation committee suggested nominating Parkinson as well. Hampson and her sister, Kathleen Conlan, who also suggested nominating Blake, and John Sheard make up the conservation committee.

Parkinson has always been a lover of the environment, but it started with his love for animals.

"I have always loved the environment which started with just loving animals. Then it went into thinking about how some animals have threat, so I started learning more about that. I think the lake just plays a big part because it's a big, natural space," he said. "I think it's just very important that I teach people about the importance of the environment, especially when it's just as simple as going to the lake and really learning how you can protect a place that you own property on. It's just simple like that, where you can really do your part."

He is also an Earth Ranger member and is involved in garbage clean-up efforts locally and for fundraisers such as the World Wildlife Fund. His conservation efforts were also recognized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust 2021 Youth Enviro Hero Award.

Parkinson reveals his gratitude and excitement for this accomplishment in the acceptance speech from the AGM meeting when he accepted his award.

"... I want to first thank you for honoring me with this year's LKO Conservation award. It means so much to me. As some of you may know, I've been coming to my grandparent's cottage on Lake Kashagawigamog since I was born, it has been a powerful influence on me and it's helped me create a deep appreciation for the environment. This is one of the reasons why I helped create the LKO kids YouTube series that I did last year called, *Blake on the Lake*. I really enjoyed helping educate people on invasive species mosquito bites, the impact of sunscreen on the water and more. I really appreciate that you recognize the value of those videos in teaching the next generations about the local lake environment ..."

Parkinson is going to receive a certificate award that was made by Conlan, a \$100 cash prize, a decorated paddle that was decorated by Lori Galati, and a CD from Sheard, a renowned Canadian musician.

To be eligible to win the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization conservation award, the nominee must be a seasonal or permanent resident.

The organization's conservation efforts include: water quality protection and enhancement, animal habitat improvement and support, land reclamation and soil enhancement and an encouragement of an appreciation of nature.

For more information on eligibility, or to nominate someone, visit the LKO website at <https://www.lko.ca/lko-conservation-award/>.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Minden Fairgrounds
Friday, July 1st
Refreshments from the
Agricultural Society Food Truck will be available,
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Music from 7-dusk featuring Gord Kidd & Friends,
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BRAD SALES

We wish to thank the Lion's Club and the Rotary Clubs of Minden for their support of Local music.

Welcome Houselanders!

Gord and Kathryn would like to take this opportunity to thank Haliburton County for 30 years supporting our Practice. At this show we would like to introduce Mark and Cathy Houselander as the new owners of Minden/Haliburton Hearing Service. Kathryn and I will be working with Mark and Cathy over the next few years as part of the Hometown Hearing family. This event is sponsored by the Houselanders.

Saturday July 2, Join Gord Kidd & Friends at the Dominion Hotel 7p.m. to 10p.m.

Grant money helps Minden Curling Club add new features

by **STEPHEN PETRICK**
Special to the Times

You may want to hurry, hurry hard down to the Minden Curling Club this summer to check out its new features.

The club, located at 50 Prentice St., has new amenities which are transforming it from a mainly winter-time facility to an all-year-long centre.

The centre has a new indoor shuffleboard, a new pickleball court and is now putting the finishing touches on a new carpet bowling field.



Celebrating dance

Lillie and Rayah Garbutt perform "At Seventeen" at the Haliburton Dance Academy's Annual Dance Showcase on Friday, June 17 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. This was the last recital for the studio, which is expected to close for good after 26 years, including 10 years led by director Chyna Schell. /DARREN LUM Staff



Dancer Kendall Park shows her skills at the Haliburton Dance Academy's Annual Dance Showcase.

"It's going to be great for the community," said club president Robert Peacock.

The renovations began after the club received a grant for just over \$20,000 from the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The program is run by the federal government and is intended for "projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors and in their communities."

Peacock is excited about the new features because he believes many seniors in the community have been cooped up in small apartments for too long, as a result of the pandemic. With a hopefully normal summer upon us, he believes there will be a strong demand for recreational services, particularly among seniors wanting to get out.

Shuffleboard is a popular sport among seniors; it involves sliding weighted disks toward a target. Pickleball is a growing sport that is like tennis, but played on a smaller court to accommodate seniors. Carpet bowling is, essentially, lawn bowling, but played on an artificial turf.

The club plans on unveiling the new features at an open house event, scheduled from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29.

The club will then officially open for the season on Monday, July 4. It will remain open on weekdays through the summer

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Peacock says that there's a plan to have the club be open for additional hours on Wednesday and Thursday evenings this year.

The club has several membership options, which range in price from \$500, for those who want to curl several times a week, to as low as \$35 for a "social membership" to participate in special events.

Although the grant money it received was intended to make the club more attractive to seniors, Peacock stressed that people of any age can be members. The club has 150 members now, which is slightly below normal, likely owing to the pandemic. Peacock believes the membership will soon get up to 200 or beyond.

The club is also getting ready to run the Boshkung Social Cornhole League. Cornhole is a sport in which participants throw bean bags towards a hole on an angled board.

The league would run from July 6 to Sept. 7. Participants would play as individuals in a round-robin format. A registration session for the league takes place at the club on June 29 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For more details visit mindencurlingclub.com or email mindensummersocialleagues@gmail.com

Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser

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HISTORY IN THE HIGHLANDS

The Thirsty Sawyers

MUCH HAS been written about the Sawyer families of Haliburton County. They were among the first families to settle here, and their exploits, including their early liberal interpretations of hunting regulations have been featured in this column.

A recent discovery in an old newspaper has shone a light on one of the long forgotten traits of this large family.

Like other men in the county, George Sawyer, son of David and Eliza Sawyer of Harburn township, supplemented his income by guiding hunting parties

of men from southern Ontario and the United States.

In late 1896, *The New York Journal* reported the story of an unnamed New York doctor, who had made a strange discovery while hunting in Haliburton County. This account was so intriguing that it was picked up and published by other newspapers as far away as the United Kingdom:

“A Man Who Drinks Water by Bucketful
There have been thirsts at all ages of history, the quenching of which cost whole fortunes, and, generally, the lives or reason of the owners.

Even here in New York at the present minute there are some remarkable thirsts which are making rich inheritances and fat incomes and profitable business interests dwindle as if the blight had struck them. But these are not thirsts for water.

The thirst of which this story tells is a water thirst, and all the records of all the drinkings known to conviviality or science show nothing to compare with it. Hereafter you will never say ‘dry as a bone’ or ‘dry as a button.’ Your climacteric expression, to convey perfect aridity and unapproachable thirst, will be ‘dry as a Sawyer.’”

There is nothing apocryphal about this tale of bibulosity. It is taken from the professional notes of a physician who stands high in the medical fraternity throughout the State. He himself witnesses this marvellous thirst; saw, during a period of two weeks, bucketful after bucketful of water disappear down the incredibly dry throat of George Sawyer; saw him put his mouth to a mountain spring and drink until the water level sank and left a broad wet band around the brink just as a receding tide does.

And George Sawyer is not alone in the pos-

session of this remarkable thirst. It is a family belonging, handed down through four generations; that the doctor has absolute proof of, and distributed among all the immediate branches, and even to every individual of the Sawyer kin. Unlike other thirsts, it has caused no decadence in the family. ‘Iron jointed, supple sinewed,’ they go on, generation after generation, drinking such volumes of water as it seems like mendacity to mention.

George Sawyer is a lumberman and a guide in the Canadian forests. His home is in the little post office town of Haliburton, province of Ontario. He is 45 years old, nearly six feet tall, and weighs 170 pounds or thereabouts. He is hard as nails, quick as a panther, quiet, good natured, and – dry.

‘I went,’ said the doctor, ‘into the forests about 200 miles north of Port Hope, Ont., to hunt for deer. The party was a large one, and we employed several guides. Among them all I found that George Sawyer was easily the best. In the first place, he struck me as a magnificent physical specimen. But for all he was a giant, he was active as a featherweight. I never saw a big man before who maintained the agility, proportional to size, of the smaller line of boxers.

‘And his durability was marvellous. The long portages, or ‘carries,’ he made mere child’s play of, and over any sort of rough forest going he would carry loads and I watched to make sure there wasn’t some trick about it. But there wasn’t. ‘My Father,’ he said, ‘was 78 when he died, and he drank a great deal more than I do. He and grandfather both drank 15 or 20 quarts in a day and as much more during the night.’

George Sawyer’s thirsty father had five sons and five daughters, the doctor learned. They are all living. Four of the sons are ‘drinkers’ and one of the daughters. The sons are all married and have children. The children of the one brother who is not a drinker shows no trace of the habit. About half of the other brothers’ children have the family thirst. The one sister who drinks has a very thirsty little daughter.

The Sawyers are all sensitive about their strange propensity, and have tried coaxing, threatening and even punishment in the effort to keep their children away from the pump. But nothing has availed. They would get up in the night when they thought their fathers and mothers were asleep and steal out and swallow a few dippersful of water, then go back to bed and to sleep again.

George Sawyer said he didn’t have the heart to deprive his child of all the water it craved, because he knew what deprivation meant. ‘When I’ve been where I couldn’t get water for many hours,’ he said, ‘a hemorrhage takes place somewhere inside of me. I spit up clear

blood, and then I begin to get weak. That always went on until I got where I could drink a bucketful or two. Then the bleeding stopped.’

Sawyer’s uncles and aunts, his father had told him, were all drinkers, but of course by his own knowledge he could not swear it. ‘I made careful observation of Sawyer’s daily living,’ said the doctor, ‘to see if this enormous consumption of water impaired his general health or caused any abnormality in the functions. It did not seem to. He was a very hearty eater, a sound sleeper, and, as I have said, a wonderfully hard worker. On very warm days, when carrying a heavy load over bad land, he perspired, but much less than one would expect from a man of his size. I can not explain to this day what became of all that water. But drink it he certainly did. The other guides said the Sawyers drank lots of later, but they had plenty of blood for all that, and were bad people when their blood was up. There wasn’t a Sawyer, they said, who would ever pick a fight, nor one who would ever get licked. They could whip their weight in wildcats, every Sawyer of ‘em.

‘I hunted very carefully through my library,’ the doctor continued, ‘for some record of a parallel case to this, but found none. Later I was hunting at Cranberry Lake, in the Adirondacks, and, sitting by the campfire one night, told these facts. In the company was a gentleman from Pennsylvania. When I had vanished he said he believed the story, because he had known a parallel case, though it was only an individual one, and did not present the feature of a marvellous heredity.

‘The ‘water drinker’ he had known was a schoolmate of his. They both went into the army and during the war, while passing through a hospital, he heard a faint voice call his name. It was the water drinker. He had been wounded, and was in a raging fever, and begging for water, which, of course, the physicians would not allow him to have. He was spitting blood and losing strength very rapidly. His piteous appeals for water were refused even after the visitor had explained that the sufferer was a physical phenomenon, and that water in great quantities was a matter of life and death to him. After continued urging the surgeons relented and handed the patient a pailful of water. He emptied it. Instead of keeling over dead, as they expected, he asked for more, got it, and in less than a fortnight was up and out.’

Was George Sawyer pulling the doctor’s leg? Was the doctor exaggerating his findings? If not, do any of the hundreds of present day Sawyer descendants throughout the county and further afield have the same “dry as a Sawyer” affliction?



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Answers on page 25

Fun By The Numbers

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Meet the Prez

Minden Rotary would like to present our new incoming president Dave Woodcroft as shown at the Changeover Dinner celebrated at the Minden Legion on June 20. Outgoing president Lynda Litwin made the presentation. /Photo courtesy of Tracey Ferguson



The Rotary's Changeover Dinner event was organized by Betty Mark, seen here with outgoing president Lynda Litwin. /Photo courtesy of Tracey Ferguson

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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Promising to do their best

Minden Guides, Brownies, and Sparks joined for their last meeting of the year earlier this month to celebrate their accomplishments. /Photo by April Austen



Sitting on the dock

A blue heron rests on a dock on Little Bob Lake on June 16. /Photo by Ray Kidon

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Request for Tender

BLDG-01-22
For the Supply of 2022 AWD Hybrid/Plug-in Hybrid SUV

The Township is seeking sealed bids, from qualified bidders, for the supply of 2022 AWD Hybrid/Plug-in Hybrid SUV for use by Algonquin Highlands Building/By-Law Department.

Closing date: Friday, July 29, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

The Request for Tender and submission documents can be found on the Township's website at:
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For further information please contact:
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NOTICE Proposed Road Naming By-Law

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O., 2001, c.25, as amended, the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands at its Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 will consider a by-law to provide for the naming and renaming of all public and private roads for the purpose of accommodating the addition of a private road name within the Township of Algonquin Highlands as follows:

Additions: Red Squirrel Trail

Additional information, and a copy of the proposed by-law, is available by contacting the Clerk.

Dated June 29, 2022.

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Breaking news

Debbie Comer at the *Minden Times* office has put her fun-loving spirit into creating an entry for the Minden Mannequin Madness event currently happening at participating businesses throughout the Minden area. Thanks, Debbie! For more information or to enter your mannequin in the contest, contact Jack Brezina at kevker@sympatico.ca. /Photo by Debbie Comer

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The picture of the note is one that he kept on his bed side table to remind himself of his values and his motivation each day. The picture of the trees and the sky is what he would have been looking at when he left us.

A celebration of John's life will be held on his birthday, September 2nd, 2022 from 4-7 pm, at Killara Station, 5205 Gelert Road, Minden Ontario

Please bring along a story to share or leave a memory of John in his memory book.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial tree is to be planted at the location of John's death, donations can be made at Country Rose in John's name. Donations can also be made to the Haliburton United Church which has been John and Barbara's place of worship and community for over 50 years.



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Tree protection by-law considered by council

Anson, Hindon and Minden council invited Peter Hynard, the management forester at the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Minden to discuss his role in the Dysart et al tree cutting bylaw and assess its applicability to this municipality.

Hynard explained at the June 9 meeting that the Tree Act, which allows municipalities to restrict tree cutting, was historically used only in Southern Ontario agricultural lands. Now, municipalities consisting of large areas of forest land are considering the bylaw and adapting it to their use.

Dysart started considering the bylaw almost two years ago because of the large scale cutting in the municipality. Their concern was accelerated by 1000 acres of land around Haliburton Lake which had been "butchered". There were also reports of trespassing on private land to remove trees which "caught everyone's attention," said Hynard.

The large numbers employed in the lumber trade were angry about a bylaw restricting their harvesting so Dysart set up an advisory committee of loggers, land owners, a cottage association representative and Hynard to

draft a bylaw for consideration.

The compromise document which resulted was accepted by the municipality. Due to a technicality, the bylaw had to be passed by the county council, with the provision Dysart bore all costs.

Prompted by Councillor Dave Stevens, Hynard explained the three main purposes behind the bylaw. He said the major objective behind the legislation is to protect young trees from premature harvest. High quality lumber is imperative for sawmilling but small diameter trees were being harvested as well for fuelwood.

The second objective is to protect winter deer yards which require hemlock critical to deer. The deer yards are a source of recreation in tourism dollars.

The third objective, said Hynard, is to ensure logging operations would not conflict with cottage subdivisions, another source of tax revenue for the area.

The forester said there are exemptions to the bylaw, notably for Anson, Hindon and Minden, Crown land. Other exceptions include areas around gravel pits, where roads are being constructed and surveying is

being carried out.

Another compromise which satisfied all parties on the advisory committee was the "sunset clause" limiting the length of the legislation to one year at which time it can be reviewed and altered if necessary.

Deputy Reeve Ed Pergolas questioned Hynard about the arbitrary diameter limit on trees eligible for cutting and the set back of tree removal from lakes and roads. The deputy reeve wondered if the figures decided upon by the Dysart committee were ideal.

Hynard replied the bylaw was developed as a result of concessions on the part of himself and the ministry, and the other members of the group including forest industry personnel and the cottage association representative. He said some of the figures could be called conservative.

McKnight asked Hynard for his views on clear cutting, mentioning he knew of a few areas in the township the land had been abused.

Poplar stands were used by Hynard as an example. He said the tree is tolerant of shade and therefore the suckers grow better after the larger trees are removed. He listed several other shade

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Greg Newell heads for first base after punching a bunt in a Rockcliffe Hustlers-York Tavern Tri-county game Wednesday. The twelve inning contest saw the Hustlers go down to their first defeat of the season by a 4-1 score. More details, see page 7.

County residents attend Conservative convention

"It was an exciting and impressive convention."

Those words describe Barb Dawson's reaction to the Progressive Conservative leadership convention held in Ottawa during the weekend. Haliburton Village resident Barb Dawson attended as one of a number of delegates representing the riding of Victoria-Haliburton.

"I know this may sound corny, but I was really impressed to see the democratic process in motion and to be a part of it," Barb comments. She found the contact between delegates, particularly the opportunity to meet Canadians from all parts of the country, was an enriching experience. It offered an excellent opportunity to gain a better perspective on the country as a whole.

Barb went to the convention an uncommitted delegate, but she did not go unprepared. Prior to leaving for Ottawa she talked with residents of the county about their vision of the country and the party, considered the positions presented by the candidates and exchanged ideas with other members of the party.

Once at the convention, the speeches and platforms presented by the candidates helped her to form an opinion as to who she felt would be best to lead the Progressive Conservatives.

"On the first ballot I voted for Michael Wilson. I felt he had an understanding of the problems facing our economy, especially because of his business background. I think that we have to get our economy in shape before we can start correct-

ing the programs which exist in other areas. Wilson is also a bilingual Canadian."

Wilson withdrew after the first ballot Saturday. Barb won't say who she voted for on the next two ballots but when it came down to a stand-off between Joe Clark and Brian Mulroney, she voted Mulroney and helped elect him the new leader of the Progressive Conservative Party.

As an uncommitted delegate one imagines that Barb would be under a constant barrage of pressure from representatives of the various candidates. However, she reports that while the candidate's representatives were constantly moving through the crowd, there was no undue pressure exerted. "It was more like an exchange of ideas," she commented. "You would

discuss a candidates stand on a particular issue and if it appealed to you, it could sway your vote. I think the organizers told their staff they would lose more delegates by using hard sell techniques than attempting to persuade the individual using logical arguments."

Barb found this exchange of ideas stimulating and interesting. "It was marvelous. Everyone was talking to everyone else. It was fascinating being there on the floor of the convention hall."

Prior to the start of convention activities, Barb found herself sharing a position in the registration line-up with former party leader Joe Clark. "He was in line right behind me when we registered. I offered to step aside and let him go ahead but he insisted that I

finish first," she recalled.

Is she satisfied with the delegate's choice of leader for the Progressive Conservative Party. "Yes, I think he'll be a good leader," Barb said.

Chris Hodgson

Another delegate from the county to attend the leadership convention was Chris Hodgson of Haliburton. Chris was representing a young Conservative club former at the Trent University last year.

"I found it a very exciting experience," Chris related. "It is the best entertainment value going." He noted that as delegates they were involved in activities at the civic centre from nine o'clock in the morning until ten in the evening.

A great deal of the excitement of the con-

vention for Chris came from the 'deals' and rumours of deals between candidates which circulated during the day. "There was always a lot of gossip going the rounds."

Chris was a staunch Crosbie supporter until the candidate from Newfoundland was eliminated following the third ballot. "I voted for Crosbie because of his background. He served as a Cabinet minister at both the federal and provincial levels and has a great deal of experience. On Friday evening he really delivered the goods during his speech. It was terrific."

While Chris' first choice was not elected, he feels Mulroney will serve the party well. "He is as able as Crosbie and has a strong business background. He'll

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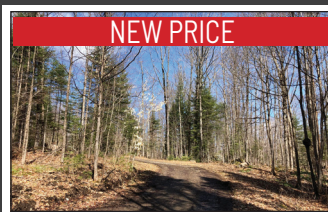


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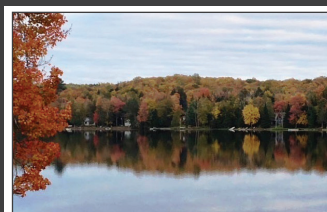
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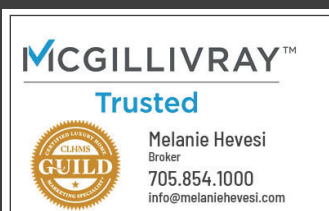
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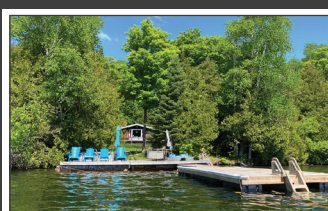


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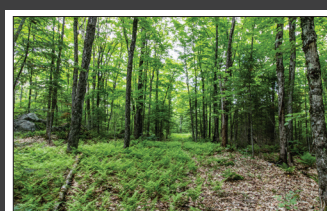
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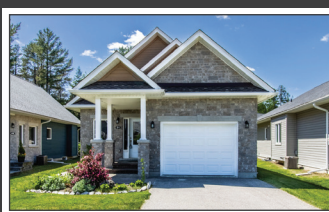
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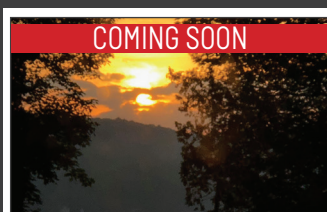


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